

HB 608 -- LANDLORD TENANT

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This bill authorizes a circuit court to establish a landlord-tenant docket to provide an alternative for the current judicial system to dispose of cases involving a dispute between landlords and tenants.

The docket must hear cases involving a written or oral lease, and the court must have the authority to evict a tenant and to enter a money judgment. The court must not hear a case involving an individual living in property owned by that landlord if he or she has not entered into a lease with the landlord and must not order a landlord to make any repairs to the property.

The circuit court must establish conditions for referral of proceedings to the landlord-tenant docket. The court may assess any fees and costs to parties of cases heard in the landlord-tenant docket in accordance with other civil cases before the court.